LL.M. PROGRAM
DICKINSON LAW OFFERS ONE OF THE NATION’S OLDEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAMS.
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

One of the world’s preeminent research universities, The Pennsylvania State University combines strength in traditional academics with a forward-thinking, future-focused approach to interdisciplinary studies and internationalization.

Consistently ranked in the top 1 percent of universities worldwide, Penn State is one of the largest and most respected universities in the United States. Penn State boasts a vibrant university community with 24 campuses located throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a global alumni network of over 700,000 alumni that both prepares students to work in the global economy and ensures a Penn State connection almost anywhere in the world.

PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW

Considered among the nation’s best law schools, Penn State Dickinson Law is the oldest ABA-accredited law school in Pennsylvania and one of the oldest in the United States. For over 185 years, Dickinson Law has produced some of the world’s finest attorneys, judges, government and corporate leaders, and legal scholars.

Dickinson Law’s historic campus offers a state-of-the-art facility featuring classrooms and seminar rooms, a moot courtroom with a 200-seat observatory, and a legislative hearing room. The H. Laddie Montague Jr. Law Library is a modern research facility offering law-related resources and a wide range of services that support the Law School’s curriculum and the advancement of legal scholarship.

LOCATION

Located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the Dickinson Law campus is strategically located close to Harrisburg—the capital of the Commonwealth—and its judicial, legislative, and executive offices. Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Baltimore, and New York City are all easily accessible by car or train.

Carlisle continuously ranks as one of the country’s most livable small towns in the U.S. due in part to the diversity of the people and institutions, amenities, and array of community activities. The cost of living consistently rates below the U.S. average, making it an affordable, cost-efficient option for attending law school.

This is your chance.

The one where you get to decide if you will just live in the future – or if you’ll seize it.

Are you ready?

Start planning your LL.M. studies with Penn State Dickinson Law now.
LL.M. PROGRAM

Throughout its rich 40-year history, the Master of Laws (LL.M.) program at Dickinson Law has welcomed students from around the world who have come to advance their legal careers through direct access to world-class litigators and legal scholars, extensive opportunities for hands-on learning, and varied opportunities for academic concentration and scholarship. Studying alongside J.D. students, LL.M. students enroll in a wide variety of courses that allows concentration in certain types of law or law-related topics.

Curriculum

Dickinson Law offers a flexible LL.M. degree program designed to give students a high-level understanding of the U.S. legal system. Students must earn a minimum of 24 credits and complete the following courses:

- LL.M. Legal Research
- LL.M. Legal Writing
- Introduction to the U.S. Legal System

Additionally, LL.M. students must enroll in one course from the following list:

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Property
- Torts
- Criminal Procedure

The Dickinson Law curriculum provides all coursework necessary to sit for the New York bar examination. LL.M. students may enroll in a rich array of courses offered in the law school curriculum, including specialized coursework in areas such as:

- Arbitration, Mediation, and Negotiation
- Business Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Cyber Law, Data Privacy, and Information Security
- Elder Law
- Government Law & Policy
- Health Law and Policy
- Intellectual Property and Innovation
- International Trial Advocacy
- Security Law
- Tax Law

Faculty

LL.M. students learn from a distinctive and dedicated full-time faculty complemented by an adjunct faculty of practicing attorneys and judges. Dickinson Law faculty members have spent years practicing law and they continue to engage nationally and internationally with the legal profession through pro bono litigation, mediation, advisory committees, and scholarship.

Campus Life

At Dickinson Law, we make it easy to become involved in the campus community. Students collaborate with faculty on research projects and participate in a variety of student organizations that offer opportunities to explore interests, discover new passions, and make friends. Dickinson Law has recently launched an International Law Society to offer students the opportunity to advance the study, research, and exploration of international law.

At Dickinson Law, we are committed to fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community. Among others, our students include racial and ethnic minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer (LGBTQ) community, veterans, adult learners, and other students who have experienced subordination, marginalization, or isolation in academic communities because of their identity.

“Bring your curiosity and personality into the classroom, and I will match your contribution with a presentation of the complexities of the law that is simultaneously accessible and memorable.”

Mohamed Badissy
Assistant Professor of Law
AS A GRADUATE,
YOU’LL BECOME PART OF TWO LOYAL ALUMNI NETWORKS—DICKINSON LAW ALUMNI AND PENN STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI—PROVIDING ACCESS TO OVER 700,000 LOYAL AND ENTHUSIASTIC PENN STATE ALUMNI WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING LL.M. ALUMNI WORKING AROUND THE WORLD AS DISTINGUISHED LAWYERS, STATESPERSONS, BUSINESS LEADERS, INNOVATORS, AND ADVOCATES.
Career Services
To help students navigate today’s job market, Dickinson Law offers a professional development series, including workshops on resume writing, cover letters, networking, and job search resources. Our Career Services Office offers individualized counseling and career strategy planning sessions as well as assistance with the preparation of job applications and practice interviews.

Dickinson Law also sponsors the annual International Student Interview Program (ISIP) which facilitates the hiring of highly qualified foreign-trained lawyers enrolled in U.S. LL.M. programs.

Eligibility
To be considered for admission, applicants must have earned either a J.D. from an ABA-approved, U.S. law school or the equivalent to the J.D. from an international law school. Applicants should have experience in legal practice. Applicants for whom English is not a native language must submit proof of English language proficiency, generally a TOEFL (88 IBT) or IELTS (6.5) score.

Application
Visit Dickinson Law’s website for important dates, opportunities to connect, and application instructions. Applications are accepted via the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and are reviewed on an ongoing basis. While most students seek to enroll in the fall semester (August), students have the option of beginning the LL.M. program in the spring semester (January). Dickinson Law does not assess an application fee.

Scholarships
At Dickinson Law, we are committed to providing every student access to a world-class education. All LL.M. applicants are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships. For the most current information on tuition and fees, please visit the Dickinson Law website.

OTHER PROGRAMS
In addition to the LL.M. program, Penn State Dickinson Law offers three other high-quality degree programs, including the Juris Doctor (J.D.), Master of Legal Studies (M.L.S.), and the Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.).

Visit https://dickinsonlaw.psu.edu/ for more information.